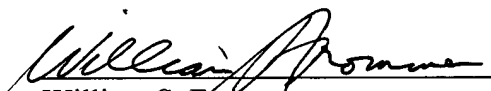


REMARKS

In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner found claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 24 and 25 define patentable subject matter. By this amendment, claims 6, 16 and 24 are rewritten in independent form, claims 1, 5, 11, 15, 20 and 23 are canceled. In the amendment filed September 13, 2004, claim 10 was canceled. Finally, claims 9 and 19, which were withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, also are canceled.

Accordingly, claims 2-4, 6-8, 12-14, 16-18, 21, 22, 24 and 25 remain in this application, of which claims 6, 16 and 24 are independent. Since the Examiner found the subject matter of claims 6, 16 and 24 to be allowable, it is respectfully submitted that this application now is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is requested.

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